

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A data transmission apparatus comprising:

a sender which sends an e-mail and a request for a return confirmation of receipt of the e-mail to a destination;

a receiver which receives the confirmation of receipt from the destination; and

a controller which issues a transmission management report at predetermined timings, describing a result of transmission for a plurality of transmissions in the transmission management report,

wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report a transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain when the transmission management report is issued.

2. (Original) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain include a transmission or transmissions on which the confirmation of result of transmission had not been received and a predetermined wait time had not elapsed when the transmission management report is issued.

3. (Original) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report that the result of

transmission is uncertain for the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain.

4. (Original) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report the transmission or transmissions on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is uncertain.

5. (Original) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said controller describes in the transmission management report that the result of transmission is certain if the result of transmission becomes certain for the transmission or transmissions, on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is uncertain, when the transmission management report is issued.

6. (Original) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the request of returning confirmation of receipt is based on an MDN.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage device storing a computer program comprising steps of:

sending an e-mail and a request for a return confirmation of receipt of the e-mail to a destination;

receiving the confirmation of receipt from the destination; and

issuing a transmission management report at predetermined timings, the transmission management report describing a result of transmission for a plurality of transmissions in the transmission management report, the transmission management report further describing a transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain when the transmission management report is issued.

8. (Original) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 7, wherein the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain include a transmission or transmissions on which the confirmation of receipt had not been received and a predetermined wait time had not elapsed when the transmission management report is issued.

9. (Original) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 7, wherein in said issuing step it is described in the transmission management report that the result of transmission is uncertain for the transmission or transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain.

10. (Original) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 7, wherein in said issuing step the transmission or transmissions on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is uncertain are described in the transmission management report.

11. (Original) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 10, wherein

in said issuing step it is described in the transmission management report that the result of transmission is certain if the result of transmission becomes certain for the transmission or transmissions, on which a last transmission management report stated that the result of transmission is uncertain, when the transmission management report is issued.

12. (Original) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 7, wherein the request of returning confirmation is based on an MDN.

13. (Previously presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission management report is issued when the number of transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain reaches a predetermined value.

14. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage device according to claim 7, wherein said step of issuing a transmission management report is performed when the number of transmissions on which the result of transmission is uncertain reaches a predetermined value.

15. (New) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission management report includes results of confirmations of receipt for transmissions that have been designated as delivered or undelivered since a previous transmission management report.